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SUBJECT: MARIHUANA DECRIMINALIZATION: PLOT BY TOBACCO COMPANIES?

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1. IN SPITE OF EMBASSY LETTER TO "EL PAIS" POINTING OUT
ERRORS IN MAY 27 ARTICLE ON MARIHUANA DECRIMINALIZATION,
SAME PAPER CARRIED FULL-PAGE ARTICLE AND LENGTHY EDITORIAL
ON AUGUST 7 REPEATING AND STRENGTHENING SAME MISSTATEMENTS.
MOST NOTABLE ERROR IS INTIMATION THAT ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL
WOULD LEGALIZE MARKETING OF MARIHUANA. ARTICLE ALSO STATES
THAT PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD MAKE UNIFORM ALL STATE
LAWS ON MARIHUANA USE AND POSSESSION.

2. WITH REGARD QUESTION OF MARKETING MARIHUANA, "EL PAIS"
EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT "LARGE U.S. TOBACCO COMPANIES ALREADY
HAVE IN STORAGE CONSIDERABLE STOCKS OF PACKAGES OF MARIHUANA
CIGARETTES AND HAVE DEVELOPED THEIR MARKETING FOR PENETRATION
OF OTHER MARKETS. THE DEPENALIZATION OF MARIHUANA IN THE
UNITED STATES IS AN OPITON NEITHER SCIENTIFIC, NOR MORAL,
NOR ETHICAL: ITS COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS IS EX-
CESSIVELY EVIDENT. AND ITS INTERNATIONAL SCOPE, ALSO.
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IF THE U.S. CONGRESS APPROVES THIS PROPOSED LAW,
WITHIN ONE YEAR WE WILL BE BUYING MARIHUANA AT THE
KIOSKS. WHILE OVERALL TONE OF EDITORIAL SEEMS TO
FAVOR DECRIMINALIZATION, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT
MARIHUANA IS APPARENTLY NO MORE HARMFUL THAN ALCOHOL
OR TOBACCO, MISTAKEN CONCLUSION IS THAT PROPOSED U.S.
LEGISLATION WOULD TRANSFORM AN "INTELLIGENT AND

TOLERANT MEASURE" INTO A "FACTOR MORE FOR ENRICHMENT
OF THE VENDORS OF ALIENATION NOT PERSECUTED UNDER ANY
CODE."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY PLANS SEND APPROPRIATE EXTRACTS
FROM PRESIDENT'S AUGUST 2 MESSAGE ON DRUG ABUSE TO
"EL BPIAS" EDITOR, POINTING OUT IN PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
ON FACT THAT "TRAFFICKING IN MARIHUANA WOULD REMAIN A
SERIOUS FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE." STABLER

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